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## Aruba Birdlife Conservation visits Governor

## Jossy Brokke Jr.: 50 years of music



Recently, Aruba Birdlife Conservation visited the Governor of Aruba, Mr. Fredis Refunjol. The Governor was informed of the role the foundation intends to play for preservation and conservation of Aruba's nature in general and more specifically for the wild birds in and around Aruba.

The foundation has consistently been receiving signals from the Aruban community that the numbers of birds on the island are rapidly decreasing.

The main causes of this phenomena are the strong increase in construction projects during the past years, which leads to an increased fragmentation of the birds' habitat and secondly, the presence of the invasive boa constrictor.

The foundation also voiced its serious concerns about Aruba's arrears in ratification

and implementation of international nature treaties.

Unfortunately, at the local level insufficient attention is given to nature. Aruba's nature protection legislation, for instance, is not being implemented.

The foundation intends to make efforts to attaining enforcement of this legislation to prevent further structural damage to Aruba's nature.

During the visit, Greg Peterson, chairman of Aruba Birdlife Conservation, presented the Governor with three bird photos on canvas, intended to decorate the meeting room of the Governor. The chairman has been sharing his bird pictures with the Governor for a number of years and knows that the Shoco (Burrowing Owl), the Patrishi (Crested Bobwhite) and the Kinikini (American Kestrel)

are among the Governor's favorites.

Mr. Peterson requested the Governor's special attention for the Shoco. This year alone four traditional breeding grounds of Aruba's burrowing owl, *Athene cunicularia arubensis*, a local subspecies, were completely destroyed. One of the photos presented to the Governor of the Shoco is a picture of an owl whose breeding ground has recently been destroyed.

The Governor is known for his love for Aruba's nature and informed Aruba Birdlife Conservation that they could count on his support.

On the picture: The chairman of Aruba Birdlife Conservation, Mr. Greg Peterson, presents the Governor of Aruba, Mr. Fredis Refunjol, with one of the three bird photographs on canvas. On this one, Aruba's burrowing owl in all its glory.



Yesterday, Aruba Governor Fredis Refunjol received a courtesy visit from wellknown singer Jossy Brokke, Jr. Mr. Brokke recently celebrated 50 years of his career in music. During his visit, Mr. Brokke offered Mr. Refunjol a DVD of his most successful songs during those 50 years.

## Team Aruba shines on tickets on Madison



MADISON, Illinois – The next race for Trevor Eman and Team Aruba will be in eight days at the Hardess Gateway Drags III at Gateway International Raceway. After a shocking set back in Martin, Michigan, Team Aruba is ready to be in the Winners Circle! Fans are aware of Team Aruba and the tremendous accomplishments Eman and his crew has been making this season, only this time, fans will get a sneak peak of the ARUBA.COM Escort as it dons the face of the tickets for the ADRL event.



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## Judge blocks key parts of Arizona immigration law

PHOENIX (AFP) - A federal judge Wednesday blocked the most controversial parts of Arizona's new immigration law which would have given police the power to check the immigrant status of suspected criminals.

The ruling came hours before the law had been due to go into effect, handing temporary victory to the Obama administration which has challenged the legislation, and rights groups who said it would lead to racial profiling.

Judge Susan Bolton said parts of the law requiring police to check the immigration status of suspects "would likely burden legal resident aliens."

And she found there was also a "substantial likelihood that officers will wrongfully arrest legal resident aliens" due to complex deportation laws which are enforced by federal courts.

Opponents say the new law is xenophobic and will lead to people being stopped on the streets simply because of the way they look.

But officials in Arizona, which borders Mexico, have argued the US administration has failed to secure the frontiers, and they are overrun by illegal immigrants.

They maintain that a lucrative people-smuggling trade across the border from Latin American countries has triggered a spiraling crime rate fed by a simultaneous trafficking in drugs and guns.

## Brazil's Lula seeks to soothe Venezuela-Colombia crisis

BRASILIA (AFP) - Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva announced plans Wednesday to embark on shuttle diplomacy in a bid to resolve a diplomatic crisis between antagonistic neighbors Venezuela and Colombia.

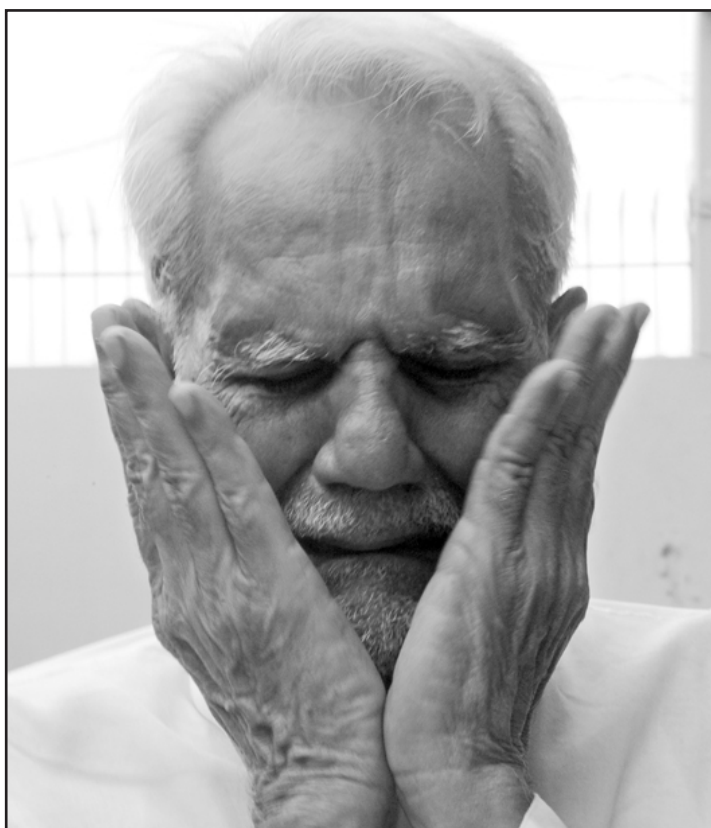
Lula told reporters he was to travel to Caracas and Bogota on August 6 to speak with Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez and outgoing Colombian President Alvaro Uribe and president-elect Juan Manuel Santos, who takes office the next day.

"We have an interest in (regional bloc) Unasur to build peace. I believe we have to restore normalcy in the ties between Venezuela and Colombia because they are to important countries in South America," Lula said.

Chavez and Uribe are embroiled in a nasty spat over Colombian claims this month that Venezuela was harboring 1,500 Colombian guerrillas on its soil.

Chavez last week cut diplomatic relations with Colombia, denying the accusation and accusing Bogota of plotting to attack his country with US help.

## Pakistani plane crashes, 152 dead



**Grief-stricken Pakistani grandfather Abdul Ghani, 70, mourns son, daughter-in-law and their three children, who all died in the Airblue ED 202 plane crash.**

ISLAMABAD (AFP) - A Pakistani airliner carrying 152 people crashed in a ball of flames Wednesday into densely wooded hills outside Islamabad amid heavy rain and poor visibility, killing everyone on board.

Thick smoke and flames shot into the sky above the smouldering wreckage, partially buried on a remote hillside alongside pieces of charred flesh and body parts in the worst crash involving a Pakistani passenger jet in 18 years.

Airblue flight ED 202 from Karachi was being diverted into land at Islamabad's Benazir Bhutto International airport when witnesses saw it flying at an unusually low altitude before a deafening boom.

The plane disintegrated into a gorge between two hills, enveloped in cloud and some distance from the road, severely hampering rescue

"I saw a big ball of smoke and fire everywhere with big pieces of aircraft rolling down the hill," police official Haji Taj Gul said.

"The plane was flying very low. Then we heard a loud noise," said Wajih-ur Rehman, a resident of the exclusive E-7 neighbourhood in the Margalla foothills, home to Western expatriates and some of Pakistan's elite.

"Nobody survived," Interior Minister Rehman Malik told Express TV. Health officials said DNA tests would be the only way to identify many of the remains.

The civil aviation authority and Airblue said there were 152 people, including six crew, on board the doomed plane. Seven children, including two babies, were on the passenger manifest, an official said.

"It's a big tragedy. It's really a big tragedy," Malik said.

The US embassy said two Americans were on the flight. The Austrian government said an Austrian-born businessman was on board as well.

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## 'I want a decision by Saturday,' says cabinet negotiator Lubbers

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands -- Cabinet negotiator Ruud Lubbers has told the three right wing parties currently holding exploratory talks about whether they can form a new coalition government that he wants an answer from them by Saturday afternoon.

The Christian Democrats, anti-Islam PVV and right-wing

VVD Liberals held their third day of exploratory talks about forming a new coalition government yesterday.

The three party leaders - Maxime Verhagen, Geert Wilders and Mark Rutte - have all refused to comment on any progress in public.

The talks are being held at a secret location

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## Harold Tromp, Director Enseñansa pa Empleo: Thanks to Minister Oduber the department now functions again



Recently, Minister of Labor, Transport and Tourism, Otmar Oduber visited the Enseñansa pa Empleo (EpE), where the waiters and bartenders students finished their courses.

The Enseñansa pa Empleo is a branch of the Department of Education providing adult

education for people pursuing a better job or to improve in their current one. It is under the direction of Mr. Harold Tromp.

Minister Oduber congratulated the students, Enseñansa pa Empleo and its director for this accomplishment, taking into account that

the department was dormant for almost two years. In just two weeks the department started with the project and now the new courses will begin again in August.

According to Mr. Tromp this is a historic day, because after 8 to 10 years of existence this is the first time that

a minister visited the students. He gave Minister Oduber a tour around the premises, giving the minister an idea of all the projects EpE has for the future. At the end Mr. Tromp thanked Minister Oduber for his interest.

The minister explained that since he re-launched the EpE in March 2010, more than 2,000 persons registered, showing the huge interest to follow different courses.

In August, the Aruba government together with the Department of Tourism and the Department of Labor will start with a program of certification where all departments working in or with the Horeca (Hotel, Restaurant and Casino), from immigration offices to the hotels serving tourists, will be educated in the history of tourism on Aruba and the importance of service for the community.

Minister Oduber ended the visit by thanking the Enseñansa pa Empleo, its instructors and all the other persons involved for their contribution to this project.

## Aldi co-founder Theo Albrecht dies at 88

BERLIN, Germany -- Theo Albrecht, the joint founder of budget supermarket giant Aldi, last seen in public after his release from kidnap nearly 40 years ago, has died aged 88, it was reported yesterday.

The publicity-shy entrepreneur died on Saturday in the western German city of Essen, Spiegel said, after a long illness.

The Albrecht brothers, Karl and Theo, who co-founded Aldi, were the two wealthiest people in Germany, with fortunes of €17.35bn and €16.75bn respectively.

The two brothers owed their wealth to the sell-it-cheap Aldi chain, short for 'Albrecht-Discount', that sprouted up all over Germany and is now in nearly 20 countries after first appearing in the 1960s.

Albrecht is survived by his wife Cilli and his two sons, Theo and Berthold. German media say he was buried yesterday in a small family ceremony.

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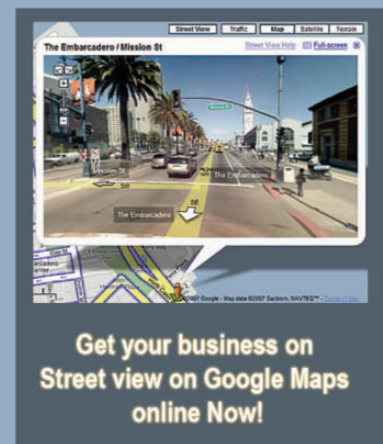
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## Earth's climate future may be etched in Greenland bedrock



PARIS, France (AFP) - Scientists hit Greenland bedrock this week after five years of drilling through 2.5 kilometers (1.6-mile) of solid ice, a 14-nation consortium announced yesterday.

Ice core samples from Eemian period 130,000 to 115,000 years ago -- the last time Earth's climate was a few degrees warmer than today -- could help forecast the impacts of current global warming, the researchers said.

"Our findings will increase our knowledge on the climate system and increase our ability to predict the speed and final height of sea level rise," said Dorthe Dahl-Jensen, an ice expert at the University of

Copenhagen and head of the project.

"If the Eemian was unstable, then the models of future change due to increased greenhouse effect are wrong as they cannot handle sudden changes," she told AFP by email from the site.

Greenland's temperatures were 3.0 to 5.0 degrees Celsius (5.4 to 9.0 degrees Fahrenheit) higher during this last interglacial period.

Today, without steep cuts in greenhouse gas emissions, the global thermometer could rise 6.0 C compared to pre-industrial times, making large swathes of the planet unlivable, the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate

Change (IPCC) has warned.

Voluntary national pledges made after the Copenhagen climate summit in December would likely cap that increase at 3.5 C to 4.0 C (6.3 F to 7.2 F), still fall far short of the 2.0 C (3.6 C) limit that most scientists agree is the threshold for dangerous warming.

Over the last century, temperatures have risen by about 0.8 C.

Bedrock was struck on Tuesday at a depth of 2537.36 metres, Dahl-Jensen said.

Scientists can now gather the data they need to answer the project's core questions: How reduced was the Greenland ice sheet 120,000 years ago when global temperatures were 2.0 to 3.0 C warmer than today?

How much -- and how fast -- did it contribute to sea levels at the time?

The current status of the continent-sized ice block is sharply debated, with some scientists predicting it will remain largely stable, and other saying it could shed enough water over the coming century to raise the global water mark by a meter (39 inches) or more.

That would be enough to flood major coastal cities and send hundreds of millions of people in search of higher



**Dorthe Dahl-Jensen**

ground.

All told, the ice sheet stores enough liquid to lift sea levels a total of seven meters.

"When our analyses are complete, we will be able to determine to what extent the Greenland ice sheet contributed to the global sea level rise of five metres during the Eemian," Dahl-Jensen said.

She added that the first results should be published before the end of this year.

Previous deep ice cores from Greenland have yielded only partial data from this critical period analogous to our own, either because some layers have melted or been disturbed by ice flow close to the bedrock.

Techniques used to study ancient climate change include examining variations in oxygen atoms, called isotopes, that correspond to different atmospheric temperatures, and analysing greenhouse gas bubbles trapped in the ice.

The crystal structure of ice, the temperature of the bore hole, and the content of biological material found also provide data about past climate conditions.

The 14 countries participating in the project are Belgium, Canada, China, Denmark, France, Germany, Iceland, Japan, South Korea, The Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom and the United States.



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## Drivers needed to help with distribution! Foundation provides breakfast for a hidden group of children



The foundation Ban Uni Man pa Cria Nos Muchanan (Get together to feed our children) will start the new school year with renewed energy to continue its work, which is providing breakfast for children who start their day on an empty stomach. If this foundation would not be active, more than 600 children would go to school hungry every day of the week.

Breakfast is considered the most important meal of the day: it provides energy and it helps concentration. Healthy, nutritious food is important to

get healthy children who are growing up normally, who are cheerful and eager to learn. Hungry children, with rumbling stomachs, are not the best students; they can only think about food...

With that in mind, the foundation started its good work in 2001, when there were just 138 children to provide for. In just eight years, these numbers have increased alarmingly, especially when one realizes that not all children who need help, are getting it.

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Aruba Wine And Dine (AWD) company and its employees pitching in, the foundation is off to a good start for the schoolyear 2010-2011. Bread, ham and cheese come from Romar, while AWD provides a location and the manpower to prepare the daily stacks of sandwiches. Now the only link that is missing is drivers who will take these sandwiches to schools in Paradera, Santa Cruz, Noord and Tanki Leendert. The Ban Uni Man pa Cria Nos Muchanan foundation is therefore looking for people who wish to help with the sandwich distribution. Just two hours in the morning on school days will do the trick. Willing drivers who would like more information, please call 5874300 ext. 338/339 – John Fun; it is a paid job.

For those who wish to help out financially there is also a sponsoring program: provide breakfast for a child for just AWG. 25,- per month. Standing orders for this are more than welcome (RBTT 43.65.011 or CMB 22589501). Let's get together, Ban Uni Man!

## Red Cross rushes to build housing for displaced Haitians as hurricane season nears

CITE SOLEIL, Haiti — The sky over the Caribbean turns from blue to gray and then nearly black. The wind picks up and it lashes out with pelting rain. At the edge of a camp jammed with ramshackle tents, the pace of hammering grows faster.

"They are coming," says Jacky Saintil, staring into the sky. "There is not much time, the men will have to work faster."

Share Saintil works for the Haitian Red Cross and the "they" are the inevitable storms that will soon strike. If the hurricane season is as bad as predicted, the misery of a million people living in tents will worsen as their shelter blows away and the ground beneath them turns to ooze.

Around him, men in construction helmets build transitional housing. In just a few days, they have nearly finished 10. Simple houses to be sure, one room, 16 by 12, with corrugated zinc roofs, wood frames, and floors and walls of plywood — mansions compared to the shelter for most

people in this field at the edge of Haiti's worst slum.

Pascal Panosetti, a Swiss architect who works for the International Red Cross, says the houses will resist hurricane winds and won't collapse if an earthquake comes.

"They could last 10 to 15 years," says Panosetti, who designed them.

He says he is happy about the pace of construction. Just a week ago, only the holes for the wooden beams had been dug and cement poured. Now some houses are almost ready. The Red Cross has trained and pays the workers.

The Red Cross and other large non-governmental groups agreed to build 150,000 of these temporary shelters—enough to take more than half of the people out of tents. Each costs \$2,400 to build and takes five to seven days to erect.

They are built on a foundation made from the rubble created by the earthquake housing to be built on public land. But where to build them?



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**DISPICABLE ME**- Comedy/Fam: In a happy suburban neighborhood, sits a black house with a dead lawn. Unbeknownst to the neighbors, hidden beneath this home is a vast secret hideout. Surrounded by a small army of minions, we discover Gru planning the biggest heist in the history of the world. He is going to steal the moon, yes, the moon. Gru delights in all things wicked. Until the day he encounters the immense will of three little orphaned girls who look at him and see something that no one else has ever seen: a potential Dad.

## Science/Tech

### Amazon, Facebook team up for shopping recommendations

Facebook and Amazon are teaming up to provide Amazon shoppers with purchase recommendations based on Facebook preferences.

Facebook and Amazon users can now connect their accounts, which will provide users with recommendations about things they might want to purchase for themselves, as well as gift suggestions for friends based on favorites or things they "Like" on the social-networking site.

The match-up will also give Amazon shoppers a heads-up about a friend's upcoming birthday, in case they want to use Amazon to buy them a gift.

To activate, head to the permissions-based app menu requires the site to notify users exactly what information a given app is accessing, so a menu will pop up that says the Amazon app will ac-

cess basic information, user data any time, friends list, profile information, contact information, and friend information.

Once you approve those settings, your accounts will be linked, and you will be taken to a page on Amazon.com with information pulled from Facebook. One menu showed friends who have upcoming birthdays, while another menu showed products that friends have "Liked" on Facebook.

If your Facebook page is rather sparse on the details, as mine is, the link-up cannot provide many specific recommendations just for you, but "Like" a few things or list some favorite TV shows or movies on Facebook, and the Amazon app will pull up some recommendations for how to spend your cash.

Presumably, if your friend

has "Liked" the "Harry Potter" series or the movie "Old School," they might already own those particular items, but click through to the item page for Amazon's normal recommendations section.

If you want to disconnect the feature, click the "Change Facebook settings" link on the top, right-hand corner of the page, and then "Disconnect Facebook from Amazon."

For those who remember Facebook's ill-advised Beacon program, which shared your purchase activity on third-party sites in your Facebook news feed and was dumped in September 2009, rest assured that this link-up will not share your Amazon purchase history on Facebook. You can purchase a "Twilight" book or a Justin Bieber album without fear of mockery from your Facebook friends.

### EU clears six types of GM maize for animal feed

BRUSSELS (AFP) — European regulators authorised on Wednesday the import of six types of genetically-modified maize for use in animal feed after governments were deadlocked over whether to ban or approve them.

The European Union has been divided for years over genetically-modified foods and the European Commission has proposed new rules aiming to break an impasse that has severely limited the

cultivation of such crops.

Agriculture ministers meeting last month in Luxembourg were unable to reach a qualified majority on maize from US biotech firms Monsanto and Pioneer, and Swiss company Syngenta to be used for feeding animals, not cultivation.

Under European Union rules, the decision was passed on to the European Commission, which gave the six maize types the green light

because they were scientifically sound, a commission spokesman said.

Two weeks ago, the EU's executive arm proposed new rules that would give individual EU states the ultimate power to ban or grow genetically-modified crops.

"One of the reasons that the commission came up with its proposals a few weeks ago to change the whole system was to get past the deadlock," Roger Waite, a commission spokesman for agriculture, told a news briefing.

"The hope is that the new rules that will apply will get past this problem about member states that like GMOs (genetically-modified organisms) and those that don't like GMOs," Waite said.

The authorisations for the maize that won approval for animal feed on Wednesday are valid for 10 years. One of them, Syngenta's Bt11 maize, was up for renewal while the five others were new authorisations.

### Facebook launches Safety Page

Facebook on Monday unveiled a new safety page intended to complement the safety center the social-networking site launched in April.

"The safety page will highlight new initiatives to keep people on Facebook safe, valuable educational materials from Internet safety experts including the members of our Safety Advisory Board, and relevant news coverage," Joe Sullivan, Facebook's chief security officer, wrote in a blog post.

The safety page is modeled after Facebook's security page, which has over 2.2 million fans, Sullivan wrote. The safety page currently has almost 12,000 fans.

At this point, the safety page includes a video called "What Can Parents Do?," a link to a BBC News article about digital literacy in India, a blog post about grassroots

suicide prevention on Facebook, a discussion about using Facebook in the classroom, and more.

"Online safety is a shared responsibility," Sullivan concluded. "We'll continue to think of innovative ways to promote safety on our service and elsewhere on the Web."

The safety center Facebook launched in April is intended to provide a resource for parents, educators, teens, and members of the law enforcement community.

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## HEALTH

## Alcohol may fight rheumatoid arthritis



Moderate drinking has been linked to a variety of health benefits, including a reduced risk of heart disease, stroke, and diabetes. According to a new study, drinking alcohol may also ease the pain of—and lower the risk of developing—rheumatoid arthritis, a potentially crippling autoimmune disorder.

People who don't drink al-

cohol are roughly four times more likely to have rheumatoid arthritis than people who have at least one drink three or more days per week, the study found.

The researchers also found that rheumatoid arthritis patients who drink alcohol tend to have less severe symptoms than their nondrinking counterparts. And the more often they drink, the milder their symptoms are.

An estimated 1.3 million adults in the U.S. have rheumatoid arthritis, a disorder in which the body's immune system inappropriately attacks the joints, causing inflammation, pain, and swelling. Some people experience temporary or intermittent symptoms, but severe cases of the disorder can be disabling.

"Alcohol reduces immune

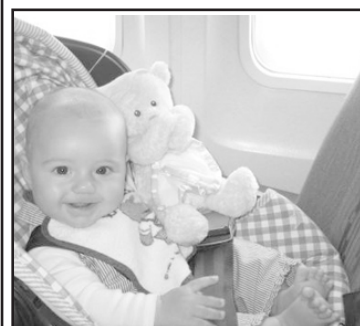
activity, at least to some extent, and [we] suspect that this is the main reason that alcohol consumption is associated with a reduction in severity of rheumatoid arthritis," says the lead author of the study, James Maxwell, a rheumatologist at Rotherham Hospital, in the U.K. "Alcohol may also have a mild painkilling effect."

This doesn't mean that rheumatoid arthritis patients should head for the nearest bar or liquor store. Maxwell and his colleagues looked only at how many days per month the participants drank, not how much they downed at each sitting or what they filled their glasses with, so the link between overall alcohol use and rheumatoid arthritis remains a bit fuzzy.

In addition, some rheumatoid arthritis drugs—such as methotrexate—can cause liver damage if consumed with alcohol, says Martin Bergman, MD, chief of rheumatology at Taylor Hospital, in Ridley Park, Pa.

"Moderation is the key," says Dr. Bergman. "This [study] is by no means encouraging people to go out and get hammered, but as long as there are no [drug]

contraindications, there may be some benefits to moderate alcohol consumption if you have [rheumatoid arthritis] or are at increased risk for it."

**Tip: Taking a Plane Trip With Baby**

Taking a plane ride with baby requires a little extra planning.

The American Academy of Pediatrics suggests how to help ensure a more pleasant flight:

\* Do your best to stay relaxed if baby cries.

\* Let baby look out the window.

\* If baby looks like he/she wants to sleep, pull the shade for a little darkness.

\* Take baby for a walk up and down the aisle (when safe) if baby fusses.

\* Talk to your pediatrician before you fly if your baby has an ear infection or a cold. Ask about ways to help prevent ear pain.

\* Plug baby's ears with cotton balls to block out loud noise.

\* Let baby suck on a bottle or pacifier, especially during takeoff and landing.



# Discover the Treasures Across the Bridge

Balashi  
Pos Chiquito  
Savaneta  
Cura Cabai  
San Nicolas



Entrance to the inner Bay of Spaan Lagoon



The ruins of the gold smelter next to the Spaans Lagoon (Spanish Lagoon) and the Franse Pas (Frenchman's Pas)



One of San Nicolas' main attractions, Charlie's Bar in the mainstreet



Mangel Halto in Savaneta



House on the reef (Savaneta)

Crossing the Balashi Bridge to San Nicolas, you will find the Spaans Lagoon (Spanish Lagoon).

The Spaans Lagoon is the only inner bay in Aruba, resulting from rising sea levels after the last ice age. Spaans Lagoon is connected with the sea, but it is partially separated by a low-lying bridge. Located off the mouth of the lagoon there are several island keys, which together with the Spaans Lagoon area form a large natural ecological system.

Spaans Lagoon is a reef-protected area. The beach is accessed through the mangrove trees in Mangel Halto, on the east side of the island. It boasts

shallow waters and fine white sand. It's also an excellent spot to have a picnic lunch.

It is one of three Blue Flag beaches developing on the island. There is a gentle sandy entry to the water that is great for children and adults. Beginning scuba divers will love it and the snorkeling is excellent. It is also a wonderful area for kayaking. The Spaans Lagoon area flows into the village of **Pos Chiquito**.

**Savaneta** is a fishing village in southeastern Aruba. Home to the oldest surviving home in Aruba, it is the oldest town on that island and former capital. It was where the Dutch first settled after they recap-

tured it in 1816. It is said that Savaneta name became during the Spanish colonization in 1840. Savaneta means Sabana chikito (small savannah).

Heading east to San Nicolas you will encounter **Cura Cabai** located along the west coast of the island.

Driving further you will find Aruba's second largest city, **San Nicolas**, with the majority of residents originally hailing from the British Caribbean. The development of the city is undeniably linked to the oil refinery, the presence of which often stands in sharp contrast to the modest houses of the area and the picturesque beach spots

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## Nickelodeon to air Dora' TV movie



NEW YORK CITY -- Nickelodeon says it plans to celebrate the 10th anniversary of its U.S. preschool series "Dora the Explorer" by airing a new "Dora" TV movie.

The hourlong "Dora's Big Birthday Adventure" is set to premiere Aug. 15 at 8 p.m. ET/PT. It follows Dora and

Boots on a whirlwind journey through Magic Storybook Land and guest stars Rosie Perez as La Bruja, John Leguizamo as the Flying Monkeys and Hector Elizondo as the Wishing Wizzle.

After the program, the cable television network said it will air a specially commissioned "Dora" documentary, featuring appearances by Anderson Cooper, Elisabeth Hasselbeck, Salma Hayek Pinault, Shakira, Soledad O'Brien and Sherri Shepherd.

"For the past 10 years, 'Dora the Explorer' has been a pioneer -- a symbol of empowerment, diversity and education," Brown Johnson, president of animation at Nickelodeon, said. "She has captured the hearts of millions of fans around the world and will continue to inspire and entertain preschoolers for many years to come."

### The World Health Organization (WHO)

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## Sunset Grille Restaurant, now serving Breakfast Buffet every day, and Champagne Brunch every Sunday

The Sunset Grille Restaurant, Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa now serves an extensive breakfast buffet every day, from 7:00 a.m. to noon.

On Sundays, the restaurant's Breakfast Buffet is available from 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., at which time the display is expanded and enriched to serve an unforgettable Sunday Champagne Brunch, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Director of Food & Beverage Gerard Coste released the delicious brunch menu just recently stating that his culinary brigade came up with an interesting concept combining buffet served specialties, and a la minute cooking from the exhibition kitchen.

Patrons will find an assortment of freshly baked breakfast pastries and breads, hot and cold cereals, tropical fresh fruits and fruit yogurts, a display of iced shrimp, smoked salmon with cream cheese, imported cheeses and charcuterie, composed salads, Clam Chowder, fluffy scrambled eggs, eggs benedict with Hollandaise sauce, breakfast meats, link sausage, bacon, Caribbean breakfast potatoes, pancakes, and French toast topped with creamy butter and maple syrup nicely laid out on the attractive buffet.

Having sampled all appetizers patrons are invited to visit the exhibition kitchen of the Sunset Grille and ask the breakfast-chef for omelets made to order, including favorite fillings, or choose any, or all tasty main courses, such as Beef Tenderloin & Garlic Shrimp served with roasted sweet potato and asparagus, Pork Wellington in puff pastry with duxelle of wild mushrooms, and whole grain mustard sauce, Macadamia Crusted Grouper with tropical fruit relish, Chicken Drumette with BBQ teriyaki & stir fried vegetables, Pasta with a variety of sauces, Bolognese, Marinara and Creamy Escargots sauce, as well as freshly baked Pizza mozzarella, pepperoni or vegetarian. The sweet corner displays assorted cakes and pies, chocolate mousse, apple pie, cheese pie and local pastries.

The Sunday Champagne Brunch serves bottomless flutes of Champagne and Mimosa and offers terrace seating overlooking the tropical garden or an indoor, elegant, air-conditioned dining room.





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### ACROSS

1. Huge
5. Ego
9. Sit for Dali
13. Toe the line
17. Diminutive suffix
18. "I do" setting
19. Argentina's Juan
20. Cleche
21. Starch: prefix
22. Poet John
23. Stage direction
24. Music of India
25. Deli order
28. Mr. Levant
29. Cape
30. Chapeau
31. "\_\_\_ Dalloway"
33. Sea bird
34. Black widow, e.g.
38. Kind of role
40. Hearty drink
42. Actor Franchot
43. Deli order
50. Aquatic mammal
52. Scurried
53. Formerly, formerly
54. Plumber's concern
55. Cubic meter

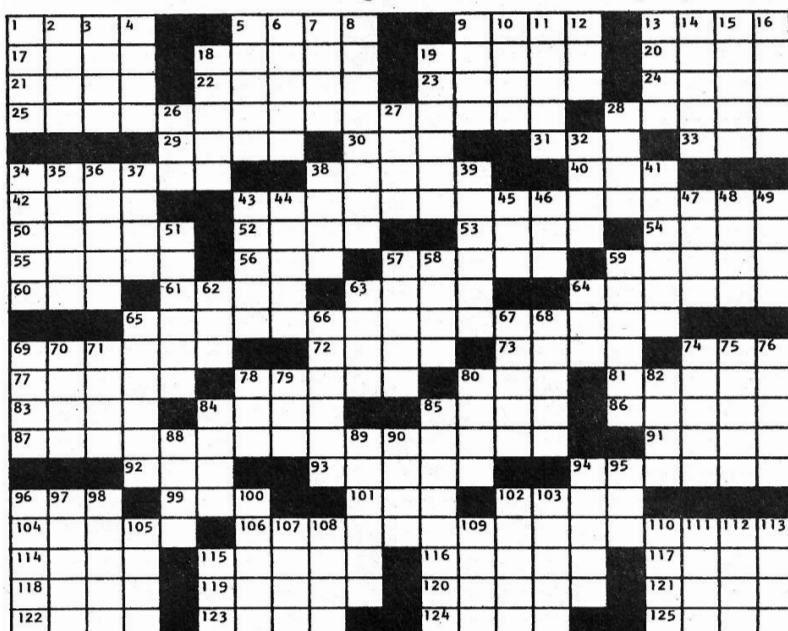
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59. Definitive text
60. Adjacent to Isr.
61. Splitsville
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64. Heaps
65. Deli order
69. Havana natives
72. Type of brother
73. Work in Barcelona
74. Compass pt.
77. Then, in Lyon
78. Clodhoppers
80. Female prof. gp.
81. Woolly South American animal
83. Stew
84. Tilt, asea
85. Yes votes
86. Rhino's cousin
87. Deli order
91. Trick
92. Korean GI
93. Famous bovine
94. Smoothed, in a way
96. Type of diver
99. Things, in law

101. Terminate
102. Haws' counterpart
104. Topic
106. Deli order
114. Indian weight
115. Body: prefix
116. Incline
117. Colorless gas
118. Related to
119. Actress Linda
120. Specks
121. P.I. climbing fern
122. Know, of old
123. "If I \_\_\_ a Rich Man"
124. Meeting: abbr.
125. Deli order

### DOWN

1. Deli order
2. Vapor: prefix
3. Very low river
4. Anatomical tissue
5. Sloppy ones
6. Lab lamps
7. Auld \_\_\_ Syne
8. Full authority
9. Spanish coin
10. Start: abbr.
11. Wicked city
12. Chemical suffix
13. Bordeaux bears
14. Pair
15. Mystery writers' award



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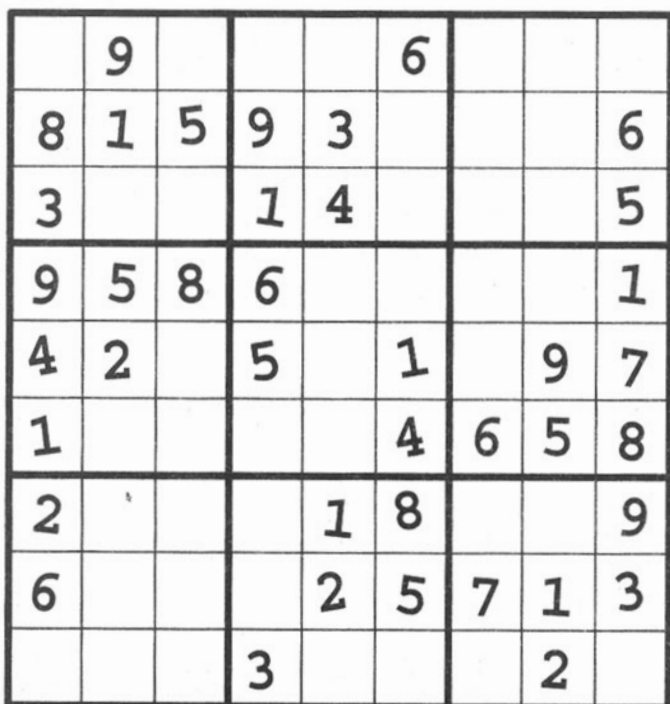
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# Sudoku



### SOLUTION

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8	5	9	7	6	2	4	1	3
7	6	1	8	5	9	2	4	3
1	7	2	4	9	8	5	6	3
5	8	6	7	1	2	9	4	3
9	4	7	2	6	5	1	8	3
2	1	9	5	8	7	6	4	3

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# How to write ad copy that is so powerful and compelling, customers are FORCED to buy --Part V --

by Ken Varga



Hi, I am Ken Varga. I want to share with you some of the ideas, strategies, and principles that allowed me to build 35 businesses during my career.

By earnestly applying the ideas, you will learn how you too can build your business to success, while living an unhurried life, filled with family, friends, fun and a relaxed attitude.

As I ended the last few Tips, I tried to show you how to create an ad that was powerful and persuasive.

It's all meaningless, if you don't ask for the order.

One of the good methods of moving the reader to act now is the following:

"All of this can be yours! You can start enjoying this new way of life immediately, simply by sending a check for \$xx! Don't put it off. Make out that check now! Act now! And as an early bird buyer, I'll include a big bonus package, absolutely Free, simply for acting now. You win all the way. I take all the risk! If you're not satisfied, simply return the product and I'll quickly refund your money. No questions asked. Do it now! Send your check now, and receive the big bonus package. After the next Tip, I won't be able to include

the bonus as part of this offer, so act now!"

I know that this is quite lengthy, but you should take parts of it and massage it to your offer.

Offering a reward or bonus of any kind will almost always stimulate the reader to take action. In addition, putting an end date on the offer for the bonus will increase immediate ordering.

Any reward for the immediate ordering should always relate to the product.

Your guarantee always increases the number of responses. Be sure you state the guarantee clearly and simply.

The action you want your customer to take should be easy and not have any complicated procedural steps or directions for them to follow.

Just picture this. Your potential customer is sitting in their favorite easy chair, idly flipping through a newspaper while watching the TV. They notice your ad, read through it, and are sold on your product.

Now what do they do? Remember they were sitting comfortably in their easy chair, and anything you ask them to do is going to disrupt this aura of comfort and contentment.

So, whatever they must do must be simple, quick and easy.

You must tell them without any ifs, ands, or buts, what to do.

Example: Fill out the coupon, include your check for the full amount, and send it in today.

Make it as easy for them as possible.

I've seen order forms where the company didn't even put the address to where the check should be mailed.

So make sure your address is on the order form.

What we have gone over in the last few Tips is really a short course on how to write ads that will pull more orders for you and sell more of your products and services.

Now that you have the knowledge, and you understand what makes copy work, you should be able to quickly develop your abilities to produce order-pulling ads for your own products or services.

Even so, once you do become proficient in writing ads for your own products or services, you must never stop noticing how ads are written, designed, and put together by other people.

You must always think about how many other ways you can, and here I go again, test something against your control ad.

I've seen where changing one word in a headline, has increased the response rate by 1,000%.

Every time you see an ad that pulls you into it and you think you want to order, clip it out and save it in a swipe file.

You should, regularly, pull out your swipe file and study them, always analyzing what makes them work.

You must keep yourself up to date; aware of and in the know about the other guy, his innovations, style changes, and the methods they are using to sell their products or services.

Well that's it for this Tip. Over the next few Tips I'm going to go over a lot of opportunities and options you have available to you and your business, to grow a business or practice.

I know that if you implement any one of them you're going to take your business to the stratosphere.

To your success,

Ken Varga

## US prepared to settle Boeing-Airbus dispute with EU

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States said yesterday it was prepared to negotiate a settlement to a longstanding dispute with the EU over allegedly illegal state subsidies to Airbus if such aid was in line with global trade rules.

"We are more than happy to engage the European Union on a settlement of this ... but it has to be with an understanding that any aid is going to have to be WTO compliant," President Obama's top trade official Ron

Kirk told reporters.

Kirk said he and his counterpart, EU Trade Commissioner Karel De Gucht, have had conversation and will continue to have conversation about what is the most appropriate way to move forward.

In a 1,200-page ruling made public in June on Washington's complaint, the World Trade Organization asked EU states to halt some aid for the development and export of Airbus airliners.

## IMF official: Yuan 'substantially' undervalued

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The Chinese currency is "substantially" undervalued, a senior IMF official said yesterday, more than a month after Beijing said it would allow the yuan to trade more freely.

"I think the staff view on the currency is that the renminbi (yuan) remains substantially below the level that is consistent with medium-term fundamentals," said Nigel Chalk, who recently led an International Monetary Fund mission to China for annual consultations on Beijing's policies.

The mission chief made the comment amid a split within the IMF over the current value

of the Chinese currency, apparent in a report issued late Tuesday by the Washington-based fund's executive board after the consultations.

The differences in view appeared between the board and the staff, who went on the mission, as well as within the board.

"Several directors agreed that the exchange rate is undervalued," the report said, without citing the countries they represented. "However, a number of others disagreed with the staff's assessment of the level of the exchange rate, noting that it is based on uncertain forecasts of the current account surplus."

The directors from United States, Germany, France and Britain were believed to be among those who felt the yuan was undervalued, following persistent charges China kept the yuan low to gain a trade advantage.

The IMF staff views on the consultations with Beijing were not published together with that of the fund's executive board, contrary to its practice in reporting on most economies.

China has been blocking the publication of the staff analysis, which is allowed under IMF rules, since 2007 reportedly due to criticism over its currency practice.



## Linda's Pancakes and Pizza place, delicious meals for breakfast, lunch and dinner



Plain Pancake



Linda's delicious pizza prepared with Gouda Cheese

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Seeing the popularity of this quaint small eatery, THE MORNING NEWS decided it was time to find out just how good Linda's really is, by sending out a team of taste testers.

The meal started out with Linda's original plain – to die for – Dutch pancakes, followed by pizza, where instead of using mozzarella Linda has created a unique twist to the traditional Italian dish by using Dutch Gouda cheese. Adding a local favorite which could not stay off the table they also sampled the delicious saté (chicken, pork or beef on a wooden skewer) with peanut sauce (Indonesian influence on local food). For the finish the team (adults only) had one cup of Linda's delicious Espresso.

The team had this to say: "Superb! There are no words to describe just how delicious the pancakes are and the pizza is just mmm... good. The saté... out of this world!"

Besides the original plain

pancake, Linda's specialty is pancakes with walnuts, Brie and honey; pancakes with banana and mango or a Dutch favorite: pancake with apple and bacon.

All their pizzas are made with Dutch Gouda cheese and different toppings making it richer in taste.

When it comes to saté, one has to say that the secret is in the sauce. Not everybody can make that perfect peanut sauce, but Linda, being an expert in the kitchen has cooked up one of the finest peanut sauces on the island, making this original Indonesian dish extra special.

If you want a specially prepared pancake or pizza, Linda is right there -- just for you -- in her kitchen.

"For those who are allergic to gluten I have a special pancake mix, gluten free," Linda stated to THE MORNING NEWS team.

Linda's Pancakes and Pizza also offers fried eggs and homemade soups.

"We also serve American coffee," Linda concluded.

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## Week-old Zedonk, rare cross

A Zedonk, a rare cross between a zebra and a donkey, stands next to her mother at the Chestatee Wildlife Preserve in Lumpkin County, Georgia.

The director of the preserve says it is the first time in 40 years that a zedonk has been born there.

The animal, which has a zebra father and donkey mother, has black stripes prominently displayed on her legs and face.





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## Jolie raises concern at plight of repatriated N.Koreans

SEOUL, South Korea (AFP) — Actress Angelina Jolie took time out Wednesday from her promotional movie tour of South Korea to investigate the fate of repatriated North Korean refugees.

Jolie, goodwill ambassador for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, told reporters she met local UNHCR representatives to talk about the issue.

"They spoke a lot about the concerns about people being persecuted when they are sent back to North Korea," said Jolie, visiting to promote her new spy thriller "Salt."

"I know all of you are concerned, as well, and you have been doing a great deal to help them...I'm just in solidarity with all of you," Yonhap news agency quoted her as saying.

Jolie said she was impressed by the support which North Korean refugees receive on arrival in the South.

"There's a lot of news about tension between the North and the South, but there's not much about how much care and sup-



port they continue to give to North Korea," she said.

Tens of thousands of North Koreans are believed to be hiding in China after fleeing their impoverished homeland.

Many try to travel on to South Korea via a third country because Beijing repatriates those refugees it catches, under a widely criticised agreement with Pyongyang.

About 18,000 North Koreans have settled in the South since the 1950-53 war.

## Daniel Craig to star in Millennium Trilogy

LOS ANGELES, California (AFP) — British actor Daniel Craig will star in "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo," Hollywood's first adaptation of one of late Swedish author Stieg Larsson's record-setting Millennium Trilogy, a Sony Pictures official said.

The newest James Bond impersonator will play journalist-sleuth Mikael Blomkvist in the upcoming production, a version of which has already

been filmed in Sweden, a Sony studio spokesman said.

Craig, 42, will start working on the film in a few months, once he and co-star Harrison Ford finish shooting "Cowboys and Aliens," said the spokesman.

Entertainment media said Craig could also star in the following two Millennium flicks: "The Girl Who Played with Fire" and "The Girl Who Kicked the Hornets' Nest."

## Condoleezza Rice, Aretha Franklin perform duet



Aretha Franklin (R) and Condoleezza Rice (L) perform with the Philadelphia Orchestra at the Mann Center for Performing Arts.

PHILADELPHIA, Pennsylvania — Condoleezza Rice, the former U.S. secretary of state, and the Queen of Soul, Aretha Franklin, took the stage Tuesday evening at

Philadelphia's Mann Music Center in a rare duet. Their aim was to raise money for urban children and awareness for music and the arts. Rice accompanied

Franklin singing her hit "I Say a Little Prayer" as well as "My Country 'Tis of Thee." Rice performed Mozart's piano concerto in D Minor with the Philadelphia Orchestra.

## With tour on hold, Al Jarreau serenades doctors

MARSEILLE, France -- Al Jarreau's newest audience is the medical staff at a cardiac center in Marseille, France, where the singer is undergoing tests after becoming "weak from the altitude" in the French Alps last week.

Jarreau, 70, was transferred to Marseille over the weekend from a hospital in Gap, France, where he was taken after he fell ill in the resort town of Barcelonnette in the southern French Alps last Thursday, his publicist said.

The latest report from the singer's publicist does not reveal any other details about his illness, which forced the cancellation of shows in Germany, Azerbaijan and France.

"Mr. Jarreau hopes to resume his tour this weekend," according to a statement posted on his website. "Meanwhile, he has been quietly serenading the hospital staff to stay on point."

Jarreau's next concerts are set for Nuremberg, Germany, on Thursday and Gleisdorf, Austria, on Friday, according to the tour calendar on his website.



## Bullfighting banned in Catalonia

CATALONIA, Spain -- Lawmakers dealt the death blow to bullfighting in Catalonia, outlawing the centuries-old blood sport for the first time in a mainland region of Spain.

The result of 68 in favour, 55 against the ban was expected, since the Catalan parliament had cast preliminary

votes in December accepting a citizens' petition to stop bullfighting on the grounds that it constituted cruelty to animals.

In the debate, some lawmakers cited the declining popularity of bullfighting in Spain, where fewer people go each year to the arena to watch toreros in their gold "suit of

lights" wield red capes and swords at close range against angry bulls.

Animal rights activists have pledged to spread the ban throughout the country. Anti-bullfighting groups gathered signatures from 180,000 Catalans, which forced parliament to vote on the matter.



## Rockets not fearful over Yao retirement reports



HOUSTON (AFP) - Houston Rockets center Yao Ming, who missed this entire 2009-2010 season after surgery to repair his broken left foot, says he might have to consider retiring from basketball.

"If the foot injury does not heal next season, I might choose to call it quits," Yao

told Chinese reporters, according to the Houston Chronicle.

Rockets officials were not worried, noting Yao returned to court workouts in late May and has been undergoing practice sessions at the team's arena.

Rockets general manager Daryl Morey saying Yao is on pace to be ready for the start of training camp on September 25 and that Yao, who went to China to attend charity events, expects to play in NBA pre-season games in China.

"Yao Ming is working diligently on his return and has consistently received positive feedback at each of his scheduled medical check-ups," Morey said in a statement.

"He is currently participating in on-court basketball workouts and we continue to expect him to be ready for the start of training camp."

In June, 29-year-old Yao told the newspaper his foot felt well, adding, "Everything is positive. Day by day, week by week, I can feel it is getting stronger."

Yao is set to be paid 17.686 million dollars in the last season of his contract with the Rockets, but he has struggled with bone injuries in each of his past five seasons and said he was unsure at what level he would perform.

Yao, who has averaged 19.1 points and 9.3 rebounds in his NBA career, has lost weight and improved his fitness, impressing Rockets owner Leslie Alexander last month in a workout.

"Yao looks great," Alexander told the Chronicle. "He lost a lot of weight. He's practicing hard. He is able to do what he wants to do. He looks like he's in great health, which is the best you can ask for."

## Inter still team to beat, says Zambrotta

ROME (AFP) - It may be a new season but AC Milan full-back Gianluca Zambrotta believes there will be little change at the top of Serie A.

The veteran insists that despite the departure of enigmatic coach Jose Mourinho, Inter Milan will still be the favourites this coming campaign.

"I believe Inter will still be the team to beat, they're the best team and then there's ourselves, Juventus and AS Roma," he said.

"I believe that's the starting grid on paper, but then again things can change on the pitch."

Inter have won the last five titles with Roma finishing runners-up on four of those occasions.

Last season Milan were a distant third and they have been criticised in some quarters for having an ageing squad, with the likes of Zambrotta, Alessandro Nesta, Filippo Inzaghi and Clarence Seedorf all well into their 30s.

They could even field a recognisable first-choice XI next season made up entirely of players over 30, but Zambrotta says they still have much to offer.

"We're not in fashion any more. If you look at the last World Cup, even if we didn't do well, I was in good form and at 33 I believe I have shown that I'm capable of being part of a great team,"



**Zambrotta**

he said.

"I believe the others of my age are also in good form physically and they have the desire to give a lot more."

Milan have also been criticised this summer for not investing more, particularly in young players.

They have only strengthened with young Greek international centre-back Sokratis Papastatholopoulos and 34-year-old Colombian centre-back Mario Yepes.

Even so, Zambrotta believes the club is strong enough to compete.

"It's not my job to talk about transfers and do the sporting director's role," he said.

"But I believe we're already competitive to fight on three fronts, I don't think we need anything in particular."

If they are to challenge on

three fronts, as they failed to do last season, Milan will be expecting more from inconsistent Brazilian forward Ronaldinho, particularly after he committed his future to the rossoneri this season.

And Zambrotta believes that if the talented forward plays on his favoured left wing, he can be devastating.

"He's training well and he seems happy and with the desire to be great again."

"I don't know about his personal situation but the important thing is that he helps us win games."

"I knew him at Barcelona and he always played on the left, and he did it well although he also has the ability to play behind the strikers. It all depends what the coach wants."

While Zambrotta insists Milan have no problem with their generation of golden oldies, he believes Italy do need new blood following their South African World Cup debacle.

"We need new players, we need to insert some good young players but I don't think we need to have a complete overhaul like they've done in France," he said, before insisting that he will still be available.

"I'd never say no to my country because I'm too attached to the colours. If the coach calls me, I'll definitely say yes."

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## Bolt set for Gay, Powell showdown in Stockholm



**Bolt in action**

STOCKHOLM (AFP) - World 100m record holder Usain Bolt will take on US sprint rivals Tyson Gay and fellow Jamaican Asafa Powell in the IAAF Diamond League meet here on August 6, organisers confirmed Wednesday.

The race will mark the first time that history's three fastest men will compete together since the 100m final at last year's world championships in Berlin where Bolt set the world record, clocking 9.58, with Gay second in 9.71, then a US record, with Powell, the former world

record holder, taking bronze.

"It is a great pleasure to confirm and host this exciting race," said meeting director Rajne Soderberg.

"It will strengthen the meeting's positioning within the world of sports."

The race will also be the first of just two meetings between 'The Big Three' this year, with the second clash set for the Diamond League final in Brussels on August 27.

The Stockholm meet is the 11th of the 14-leg IAAF Diamond League series.

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## US names 15-man NBA lineup for world championships

COLORADO SPRINGS, (AFP) - Scoring champion Kevin Durant and veterans Chauncey Billups and Rajon Rondo were among 15 NBA standouts named as finalists for the US world championships team.

The Americans who compete for a world title in Turkey starting August 28 will feature none of the talent that reclaimed an Olympic gold medal for the USA in Beijing in 2008 but should still be a formidable force.

Boston backcourt star Rondo and Detroit playmaker Billups were joined by Durant and teammates Russell Westbrook and Jeff Green from Oklahoma City, Lamar Odom of the NBA champion Los Angeles Lakers, Indiana's Danny Granger, Golden State's Stephen Curry, Minnesota's Kevin Love and Chicago's Derrick Rose.

Philadelphia's Andre Iguodala, Rudy Gay of Memphis, Tyson Chandler of Dallas, Brook Lopez of New Jersey and Eric Gordon of the Los Angeles Clippers were also among the group that will fill out the final 12-man world team roster.

The announcement came after four days of training in Las Vegas and ahead of a series of tuneup games for the US squad ahead of the worlds. Final lineups do not have to be submitted until the eve of the tournament.

"We have a group of guys that are very focused, committed, and desirous of playing for USA Basketball," team chairman Jerry Colangelo said.

"The identity of the team is still evolving, but it is pretty obvious we're going to be very athletic. We're going to be very strong in the back

court. We think our shooting ability is underestimated. We're pleased with our progress."

Duke University coach Mike Krzyzewski returns to guide the US national team, which will reassemble August 9 in New York ahead of a week of training.

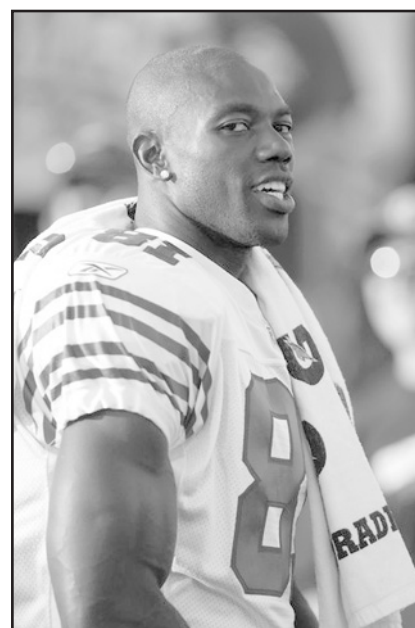
"We have an unconventional team that we're forming, but it's still one that is built with great spirit, athleticism and a little bit more guard oriented than most US teams have been," Krzyzewski said.

"I like their attitude. They want to learn and they're willing to sacrifice for what's best for the whole. There's a great, great spirit of cooperation."

The US team will participate in the inaugural World Basketball Festival in New York, which includes practice sessions at Rucker Park's famed outdoor courts in Harlem and Radio City Music Hall plus an August 15 game against France at Madison Square Garden, which also hosts a China-Puerto Rico matchup.

The Americans will also play three exhibition games in Europe ahead of the World Championships, facing Lithuania on August 21 and Spain on August 22 in Madrid and Greece in Athens

## Owens completes deal to join Bengals, Ochocinco



CINCINNATI (AFP) - Terrell Owens, a 36-year-old star receiver with a history of bringing controversy with him, has agreed to a one-year, two million-dollar National Football League deal with Cincinnati.

Owens is expected to report to the Bengals' pre-season training camp on Thursday, when he will join another outspoken yet flamboyant playmaker, Chad Ochocinco, at Georgetown College in Kentucky.

Bengals quarterback Carson Palmer had conducted workouts with Owens in California and his favorable

comments about Owens played a role in the decision to bring him to Cincinnati.

Owens had been critical of quarterbacks in past career stops, including San Francisco, Philadelphia and Dallas, but Palmer spent three weeks throwing passes to Owens and telling Bengals coach Marvin Lewis that Owens looked good.

"I just let him know we're a contender, that if he wants to come and be a part of what we started, then he'll be a great piece," Palmer said.

"You can recruit and over-recruit and I didn't want to oversell the thing. I was just letting him know we're a good team and thankfully he decided to come."

Bengals receiver Andre Caldwell said that if Ochocinco had not proven too great a disruption for the Bengals than Owens would not either.

Palmer said that after past troubles with player egos and even run-ins with the law among key players, the team was ready for whatever baggage Owens might bring.

"We've been through a lot here. A lot of ups and downs, a lot of personalities, a lot of egos," Palmer said. "He has definitely got a big personality."

"I've had a chance to practice with him and he's been very easy to work with, coachable and very knowledgeable. He has played in a lot of different systems and he was very willing to shed light on the information he has."

## Seedy outburst earns Tigers boss one-game ban

ST. PETERSBURG (AFP) - Detroit Tigers manager Jim Leyland was issued a one-game suspension by Major League Baseball on Wednesday after spraying a mouthful of sunflower seeds on an umpire in an argument.

Leyland was also issued a fine of an undisclosed amount in addition to the banishment that sidelined him for the Tigers game Wednesday at Tampa Bay.

Major League Baseball issued the punishment to Leyland for inappropriate and aggressive conduct on Monday in the third inning of a game at Tampa Bay.

Leyland was ejected during a dispute with second base umpire Marty Foster over what the manager claimed was an accidental spraying of seeds as he sput-

tered out his disagreement over a decision.

Rays' pitcher Matt Garza hurled the first no-hitter in Tampa Bay history against the Tigers in that game, the hosts eventually taking a 5-0 victory in what was the fifth no-hitter thrown in Major League Baseball this season.

## Ex-Raider star Jack Tatum dies

COLUMBUS (AFP) - Jack Tatum, a former all-star safety with the Oakland Raiders known for his crushing hits on opponents, died Tuesday of a heart attack. He was 61.

Tatum had battled diabetes and other health problems for years, the family said.

Tatum will always be connected to one of the game's most tragic moments. His bone-crunching hit on Darryl

Stingley in a 1978 pre-season game left the New England Patriot player paralyzed from the neck down.

Tatum's book which was published in 1980 was titled, "They Call Me Assassin".

The former first round pick by the Raiders in 1971 played US college football

for Ohio State.

In nine seasons with Oakland, he started 106 of 120 games, had 30 interceptions and helped the Raiders win the 1976 National Football League championship. He played his final season with the Houston Oilers in 1980.

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### Sports brief: Body of former NBA player Wright

MEMPHIS (AFP) - Police have found the body of Lorenzen Wright, a 13-year NBA player missing since July 19, in a wooded area of southeast Memphis, the Commercial Appeal newspaper reported Wednesday.

Citing an unnamed source, the newspaper reported on its website that the body discovered was that of Wright, although police official call their investigation only a "death investigation."

Wright's 13 NBA seasons included five with the Memphis Grizzlies.

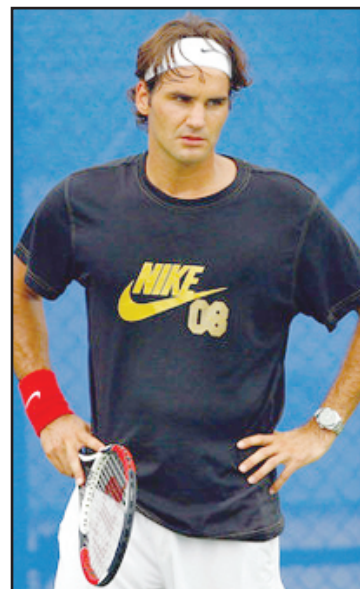


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### Federer teams with former Sampras coach Annacone



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Roger Federer, who won his 16th Grand Slam title at the Australian Open, announced Wednesday on his website that he has decided to work with coach Paul Annacone,

the former coach of Pete Sampras.

Former world number one Federer, whose next scheduled tournament is next month in Toronto, has previously worked with coaches Peter Carter, Peter Lundgren, Tony Roche and his Swiss Davis Cup coach, Severin Luthi.

"I've been looking to add someone to my team and I've decided to spend some days with Paul Annacone," Federer posted.

"As Paul winds down his responsibilities working for the Lawn Tennis Association, we will explore our relationship through this test period. Paul will work alongside my existing team and I'm excited to learn from his experiences."

Annacone, 47, has previously guided US legend Sampras and England's Tim Henman.

## Emotional Maradona lashes out at 'treason', 'lies'

BUENOS AIRES (AFP) - Diego Maradona has accused Argentina football chief Julio Grondona of lying and team manager Carlos Bilardo of treason in a bitter tirade against the two men he believes plotted his sacking as national coach.

"Grondona lied to me. Bilardo betrayed me," said an emotional Maradona in his first news conference since his colourful and controversial reign as Argentina coach came to an abrupt end on Tuesday.

"Grondona, in the dressing room after we had been knocked out of the World Cup in South Africa, told me in front of witnesses and the players that he was very happy with my work and that he wanted me to carry on."

"On our return to Argentina, things started to take on a bizarre twist and on Monday I met with Grondona."



"After five minutes, he told me that he wanted me to continue, but that seven of my technical staff could not stay. When he told me this, he was saying that he didn't want me to carry on in the job."

"He knows that it is impossible for me to stay as coach without my colleagues."

Maradona also hit out at Bilardo who was coach of the 1986 World Cup winning team in which Maradona played a starring role.

"When we were in mourning, Bilardo was working in the shadows to get me fired," he said.

Maradona, who took charge in October 2008, has been replaced for the time being by national Under-20 coach Sergio Batista who will lead the team for the August 11 friendly against the Republic of Ireland in Dublin.

Before the meeting with Grondona, Maradona, whose final game in charge was last month's 4-0 World Cup quarter-final defeat by Germany, had made it plain he wanted to stay as long as he could keep his staff.

Media reports suggest that Grondona had vetoed that wish, triggering the end of Maradona's 18-month spell in charge.

The decision to dump Maradona has not been entirely popular in Argentina with the public now engaging in the blame game.

Apart from Grondona, the main target is Bilardo.

The 71-year-old Bilardo has also been fingered by the press as the man behind Maradona's downfall.

"The only one who came through unscathed and even strengthened from this little history of betrayal, impudence and the battles of ego and vanity is him, Carlos Salvador Bilardo," said the daily Clarin.

"This is the same man who said in April 2009 that if Maradona was going to quit or if they were going to fire Maradona, then he should step down immediately."



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